

RESOLUTION # ----

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLACK HAWK COUNTY, IOWA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR AS THE APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN I-JOBS II GRANT APPLICATION AND TO COMMIT LOCAL FUNDS TOWARD THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Black Hawk County (County) is hereby applying for I-Jobs funding, as administered by the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), to renovate a building that will relocate the Black Hawk County Conservation Board (BCHCB) administrative offices of McFarlane Park, which were devastated as a result of the Flood of 2008;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to demonstrate support for the application pursuing funds, securing funds, and administering the corresponding and essential paperwork associated with such a project;

WHEREAS, the total budget for this project is \$259,129;

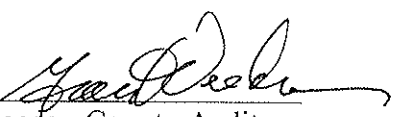
WHEREAS, the County is committing \$25,912, or ten (10) percent, toward this project;

WHEREAS, the County is requesting the remaining \$233,217, or ninety (90) percent, toward this project; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Black Hawk County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that the Chair is hereby authorized to file the I-Jobs II application with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) and that the County agrees to provide and make available \$25,912, or ten (10) percent of the total cost, toward the completion of this project.

Passed and approved this 27th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:


Grant Veeder, County Auditor


Craig White, Chair
Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors

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County seeks state funds for McFarlane complex

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WATERLOO - The Black Hawk County Conservation Board will seek a second state grant to move its operations out of a future flood's path.

The county Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to apply on behalf of the Conservation board for an I-JOBS grant for a \$260,000 project to relocate the ranger house, shop and well at McFarlane Park to higher ground.

"The shop took eight feet of water and the house had a couple inches in (the flood of) 2008," said Conservation Board executive director Vern Fish. "Our well system out there has been compromised because of this, too."

The Conservation Board received a \$188,000 I-JOBS grant in 2009 to build a new maintenance shop as part of a project to relocate the agency's headquarters from flood-prone Black Hawk Park to a new complex on Airline Highway in Waterloo. That move was finalized this year.

The I-JOBS program is an \$830 million grant program promoted by Gov. Chet Culver to rebuild Iowa's infrastructure and create jobs. It is financed with bonds repaid with gaming revenue.

An unrelated county project to grade and pave Bishop and King roads, which run from La Porte City to McFarlane Park, will assist in moving the Conservation operations.

The county acquired land to provide fill and a wetlands remediation area for the road project.

Dirt excavated from the required wetlands would be used to elevate areas where the McFarlane ranger's house would be placed along with the new well and shop.

Fish said the county's 10 percent match for the I-JOBS grant, or \$26,000, would come from state Resource Enhancement and Protection funds the county receives.

Grant applications are due Monday, and the county should learn by mid-September whether it will get the I-JOBS grant.